

*****September 14, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020. This meeting was held in-person at the Mountain Arts Community Center in addition to electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the July 23, 2020 special meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the July 27, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM WEBSTER AS A MEMBER OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TREE BOARD ENTITLED TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HEMLOCK CONSERVATION TASK FORCE."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ***** AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to table the resolution appointing a new member to the MACC Board, and to vote on the MACC Board appointment at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

3. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ***** AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL COMMITTEE."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Baker to the opening that carries a term until 12-31-22. There being no second, the motion failed.

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to add 2 more positions to the Personnel Committee. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with 3 Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion, and Mayor Landrum opposed.

Because more applications had come in, Mayor Landrum made a motion to table action on appointing members to the Personnel Committee. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$15,000.00) WHICH WILL RESULT IN PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT, AND OVERTIME TO BE PROVIDED AS A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE SPEEDING, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AND NON-SEATBELT USAGE FOR CHILDREN AND PASSENGERS WITHIN MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LAWSON ELECTRIC CO. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE (3) LIGHT POLES IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX INCLUDING THE REATTACHMENT OF EXISTING LIGHTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$12,440.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

6. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PHALTLESS, INC. FOR THE REPAIR AND PAVING OF THE REAR DRIVEWAY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-

THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$53,250.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD.”

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

7. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO HIGGINS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FERN TRAIL STREAM BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR FORTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$41,962.00) WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY OF FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (4,196.00) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$46,158.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD.”

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

8. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CHASE RELINE, INC. FOR THE STONEHAVEN SLIP-LINING PROJECT FOR TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$28,850.00) WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY OF TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,885.00) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$31,735.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD.”

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Ordinances

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “FEES FOR USE OF TOWN RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE TOWN SWIMMING POOL” IS HEREBY AMENDED BY RENAMING THE CHAPTER AS “TOWN FEE SCHEDULES” AND ADDING SECTIONS 5-507 THROUGH 5-516, TO SAID CHAPTER, THE TEXT OF WHICH SHALL FOLLOW:”
2. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTIONS 7-101, 7-102 7-103, RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION

OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2018 EDITION, AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN; AND AS APPENDICES TO CODE ADOPTED.”

3. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 12, TO RENUMBER CHAPTERS 3 – 8 AND ADD CHAPTERS 9 - 11, AND FURTHER TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND ADD THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES OF THOSE CODES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODES OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND TO RENUMBER THE SECTIONS AND AMEND SECTION 12-103 CONCERNING SPECIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-102 CONCERNING THE ICC/ANSI A117.1-2017 AND DELETE THE NORTH CAROLINA ACCESSIBILITY CODE AND REPLACE WITH THE ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN, AS THE OFFICIAL ACCESSIBILITY CODES OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
4. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 2, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RENUMBER THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL PLUMBING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
5. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 3 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
6. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 19, CHAPTER 2, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
7. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOMES AND TO ADOPT THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO

SAID CODES AS THE OFFICIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

8. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 19, CHAPTER 3 BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2017 EDITION AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
9. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL SWIMMING POOL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
10. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 8 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL UNSAFE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
11. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 9 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL SITE PREPARATION, EXCAVATION AND GRADING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”
12. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 10 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS TO SAID CODE.”
13. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 8, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 11 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE CODE FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 6, SECTION 54, SECTIONS 1001 THROUGH 1018.”
14. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY RENUMBERING THE CHAPTERS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

15. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 19, CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, SO AS TO DOCUMENT THE RELOCATION OF SAID SECTIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CODE."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinances 2020-09 through 2020-23. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the Ordinances.

Discussion

- a. **Stormwater Fees.** Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that staff has identified and prioritized needed repairs and restoration projects. He said that a recent study performed by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) revealed that a significant rate increase is necessary. When asked, Mr. Veal explained that the current minimum is \$39.60/year. He said that the proposed new minimum rate is \$84.90/year. Mayor Landrum asked that staff provide a variety of examples on how residents will be impacted. Mr. Veal said he will have that information and a proposed Ordinance at a later meeting.
- b. **Town Facilities.** Mr. Veal informed the Council that there have not been any complaints regarding keeping facilities closed to the public (like Town Hall, the gym, the pool, etc.). He said that staff is getting the job done and that he is not currently proposing any changes. Council agreed, but asked to revisit opening the Town Hall and allowing basketball in the gym on a future Council agenda.
- c. **Easement Request.** Mr. Veal provided the Council with a map of 602 Windy Way. He explained that the property owner has requested an easement from the Town to allow them to run septic field lines onto Town property. Vice Mayor Lusk asked if other types of systems had been considered (i.e., mound, or low-pressure pump systems, etc.). Mr. Veal will contact the property owner for additional information.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal reported that the bids had been reviewed for the Local Parks and Recreation Funding (LPRF) grant. However, he said the bids received were too high and exceeded the projected project cost. He said there is one portion of the work that the engineer and landscape architect were asked to clarify. The bidders have agreed to submit bids on an addendum to the original bid specs.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Hamilton County Waste Water Treatment Authority (WWTa) will have a rate increase of 12% on October 1st.

Other Business

- a. **Communications from the Mayor/Council.** Mayor Landrum said that the Tree Board will soon meet to discuss the wildland interface regulations and will soon provide their suggestions to the Council.

- b. Communications from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other. Councilmember Graham asked that future meetings times be changed to start at 6:00 p.m. Council agreed to move the meetings to 6:00 if they are still held via Zoom.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the September 28, 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder